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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Reinhold OTT Conf. No.: 8372

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For: RETAINING COMPONENT FOR SECURING ITEMS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 11, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
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